

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (currently amended): A trimmer comprising a cutting head housing a cutter means, and an elongate shaft for supporting the cutting head, the cutting head connected to the shaft by connection means permitting the cutting head to be positioned with its cutter means either substantially horizontal or substantially vertical without disconnecting the cutting head and the shaft wherein the connection means defines a rotational axis about which the cutting head is rotatable relative to the shaft so that the cutter means is movable between the substantially horizontal position and the substantially vertical position by an effective rotation of the cutting head ~~relative to the handle~~ of 120° in one direction or 240° in other direction relative to the axis.

Claim 2 (previously presented): A trimmer as claimed in claim 1, wherein the connection means is such that the cutting head is movable between positions in which its cutter means is substantially horizontal and substantially vertical in a single movement.

Claims 3-18 (cancelled)

Claim 19 (previously presented): A trimmer as claimed in claim 1, wherein the connection means is constituted by a rotatable joint.

Claim 20 (previously presented): A trimmer as claimed in claim 19, wherein the rotatable joint is such that the cutting head is movable between positions in which its cutter means is substantially horizontal and substantially vertical about a single axis.

Claim 21 (previously presented): A trimmer as claimed in claim 19, wherein the axis of rotation of the rotatable joint lies substantially at 35.5° to the plane of rotation of the cutter means, and lies substantially at 35.5° to the horizontal when the cutting head is positioned with the cutter means either substantially horizontal or substantially vertical.

Claims 22-25 (cancelled)

Claim 26 (currently amended): A trimmer comprising a cutting head housing a cutter means, a motor for driving the cutter means, and an elongate shaft for supporting the cutting head, the cutting head connected to the shaft by connection means permitting the cutting head to be positioned with its cutter means either substantially horizontal or substantially vertical without disconnecting the cutting head and the shaft, wherein the connection means is constituted by a rotatable joint that is constituted by a ball-and-socket joint, wherein the ball is fixed to the cutting head, the socket is defined by a generally spherical socket portion formed at the end of the shaft remote from the hand-grippable portion, and the motor is housed within the ball, the shaft having a hand-grippable portion at a position remote from the cutting head, the arrangement being such that the line joining a point within the hand-grippable portion and the connection means is substantially parallel to a plane of rotation of the rotational axis of the cutter means when the cutter means is generally perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the elongated shaft.

Claim 27 (previously presented): A trimmer as claimed in claim 26, wherein the motor is an electric motor.

Claim 28 (previously presented): A trimmer as claimed in claim 1, wherein a rotatable cutter line constitutes the cutter means.

Claim 29 (currently amended): A trimmer as claimed in claim 26 ~~[[25]]~~, further comprising a wheel rotatably mounted on the cutting head.

Claim 30 (previously presented): A trimmer as claimed in claim 29, wherein the axis of rotation of the wheel is substantially coincident with the axis of rotation of the cutter means.

Claim 31 (previously presented): A trimmer as claimed in claim 30, wherein the radius of the wheel is of the order of, but slightly less than, the effective radius of the cutter means.

Claim 32 (currently amended): A trimmer comprising a cutting head housing a cutter means, and a shaft for supporting the cutting head, the cutting head being adjustably mounted with respect to the shaft by connection means that defines a rotational axis about which the cutting head is rotatable relative to the shaft, the connection means enabling the cutter means to be moved between substantially vertical and substantially horizontal positions by adjusting the position of the cutting head ~~relative to the shaft~~ by an effective rotation of 120° in one direction or 240° in the other direction relative to the axis.

Claim 33 (previously presented): A trimmer comprising a cutting head housing a cutter means, and a shaft for supporting the cutting head, the cutting head being rotatably mounted with respect to the shaft by means of a rotatable joint whose axis of rotation lies

substantially at 35.5° to the plane of rotation of the cutter means, and lies substantially at 35.5° to the horizontal when the cutting head is positioned with the cutter means either substantially horizontal or substantially vertical.